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For : Methods of Optimizing Antibody)
Variable Region Binding Affinity) Examiner: Larry Ronald Helms
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER C.F.R. 1.114 and REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed 25-FEB-2005, in connection with the above-mentioned application, Applicants herewith submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and presently request a three-month extension of time under Rule 1.136(a)(3). Applicants request examination and consideration of the application in view of the following comments.

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Remarks begin on page 13.